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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed on the attached modified Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a Request for Continued Examination was filed. Accordingly, no fee or certification is believed required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims, and sign the enclosed form PTO-1449 to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his/her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information. An early and favorable action

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i), to the extent that any non-English references are

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more other related applications.

Furthermore, to the extent that the accompanying modified-1449 form does not list a date

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Lastly, Applicants note the existence of a reference entitled "Connections, Computer

Sciences Corporation, March/April 2001, 44 pages." Applicants, however, are unable to obtain a

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